

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 5 wherein the shroud comprises a ~~somewhat~~ substantially right cylindrical shroud.
3. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the shroud comprises a ~~somewhat~~ substantially right circular cylindrical shroud.
4. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein each of the two portions is substantially part right circular cylindrical.
5. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the shroud includes a longitudinal axis,~~ A dispenser including an opening through which coating material is dispensed, a coupling for coupling the opening to a source of coating material to be dispensed, and a shroud for enclosing at least a portion of the dispenser, the shroud including two portions which abut each other at first and second joints which extend generally longitudinally of the shroud, a first one of the portions subtends an arc measured about the axis of ~~somewhat~~ substantially more than 180°, and a second one of the portions subtends an arc about the axis of ~~somewhat~~ substantially less than 180°.
6. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 5 wherein~~ A dispenser including an opening through which coating material is dispensed, a coupling for coupling the opening to a source of coating material to be dispensed, and a shroud for enclosing at least a portion of the dispenser, the shroud including two portions which abut each other at first and second joints which extend generally longitudinally of the shroud, the first one of the portions subtends an arc measured about the axis of about 200°, and the second one of the portions subtends an arc measured about the axis of about 160°.
7. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 5 wherein the shroud portions are constructed from resilient, electrically non-conductive materials.
8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the shroud portions are constructed from acetal resin.
9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein the shroud portions include inner sidewalls including grooves which extend generally longitudinally therealong.
10. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 5 wherein a first of the shroud portions includes a lateral edge including a first feature, and a second of the shroud portions includes a lateral edge including a second feature which is complementary to the first feature.
11. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 10 wherein~~ A dispenser including an opening through which coating material is dispensed, a coupling for coupling

the opening to a source of coating material to be dispensed, and a shroud for enclosing at least a portion of the dispenser, the shroud including two portions which abut each other at first and second joints which extend generally longitudinally of the shroud, one of the portions includes a lateral edge including a first feature, and the other of the portions includes a lateral edge including a second feature which is complementary to the first feature, the first feature comprises a somewhat substantially V-bottomed groove, and the second feature comprises a somewhat substantially V-shaped edge.

12. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the first shroud portion includes two lateral edges, each including a first feature, the second shroud portion includes two lateral edges, each including a second feature which is complementary to the first feature, each first feature comprising a somewhat substantially V-bottomed groove, and each second feature comprising a somewhat substantially V-shaped edge.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 further including a gasket material interposed between the first and second features.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 5 wherein the source of coating material to be dispensed comprises a source of pulverulent coating material suspended in a gas or mixture of gases.

15. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 4 5 wherein the dispenser includes a forward end adjacent the opening, the forward end including a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a forward end of a first one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the forward end of the first one of the shroud portions with the forward end of the dispenser, and a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a forward end of a second one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the forward end of the second one of the shroud portions with the forward end of the dispenser.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15 wherein the feature on the forward end of one of the dispenser and the first one of the shroud portions comprises a groove extending substantially continuously around a perimeter of the forward end of said one of the dispenser and the first one of the shroud portions, and the feature provided on the forward end of the other of the dispenser and the first one of the shroud portions includes a lip for engaging the groove.

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~4~~ 5 wherein the dispenser includes a rearward end including a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a rearward end of a first one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the rearward end of the first one of the shroud portions with the rearward end of the dispenser, and a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a rearward end of a second one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the rearward end of the second one of the shroud portions with the rearward end of the dispenser.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the feature on a rearward end of the dispenser includes a ring including at least one tab, and the feature provided on a rearward end of a first one of the shroud portions includes a flange provided with at least one passageway permitting passage of the at least one tab therethrough during assembly of the shroud to the dispensing device.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the dispenser includes a forward end adjacent the opening, the forward end including a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a forward end of a first one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the forward end of the first one of the shroud portions with the forward end of the dispenser, and a feature for cooperating with a feature provided on a forward end of a second one of the shroud portions to facilitate engagement of the forward end of the second one of the shroud portions with the forward end of the dispenser.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the feature provided on a rearward end of a first one of the shroud portions includes a ramp surface provided on the flange for cooperating with the at least one tab to urge the feature provided on a forward end of the first one of the shroud portions into engagement with the forward end of the dispenser.